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SUBJECT: SITE SURVEY FOR PORTABLE LANDSAT STATION

1. SURVEY TEAM HAS LOCATED SUITABLE SITE ON GOP CONTROLLED LAND APPROXIMATELY 15 KM SOUTHEAST OF RAWALPINDI OFF THE LAHORE ROAD. MASKING TO THE NORTH AND EAST IS UNDER TWO DEGREES. NO HORIZON PROBLEM IN OTHER DIRECTIONS, CLEAR OF EMI IN OUR FREQUENCY RANGES.

2. SITE IS APPROXIMATELY 11 KM FROM ISLAMABAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY HARD SURFACE ROAD. ACCESS TO SITE FROM PUBLIC ROAD IS GOOD WITH LITTLE IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED. LAND IS UNDER DIRECT CONTROL OF RAWALPINDI DISTRICT COMMISSIONER WHO PERSONALLY ASSURED NASA AND SUPARCO REPRESENTATIVES THAT IT OR ANY OTHER LAND DESIRED WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AT SUPARCO'S REQUEST. SUPARCO WOULD INITIATE REQUEST AS SOON AS INFORMALLY NOTIFIED OF SELECTION BY NASA.

3. RAWALPINDI/ISLAMABAD AREA OFFER ALL NECESSARY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR AN OPERATION OF THIS KIND. SUPARCO SUGGESTS ADDING NASA SITE PREPARATION TO THEIR CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR NEW IONOSPHERE SOUNDING STATION AT ISLAMABAD UNIVERSITY. REIMBURSEMENT COULD BE MADE DIRECTLY BY THE BENDIX RESIDENT ENGINEER. LOCAL HIRING WOULD BE HANDLED THE SAME WAY.

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4. SUPARCO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS AND WILL BE PRESENT FOR CUSTOMS CLEARANCE OF STATION AND SUBSEQUENT SHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL. MCKEEHAN HAS SUPARCO SUPPLIED SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS. THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MEETING PLANES FROM ISLAMABAD CARRYING OUTGOING TAPES AND FOR INSURING RAPID HANDLING FOR ONWARD SHIPMENT. BEST ROUTING MAY BE FOR KARACHI TO PAN AM LONDON BY BEST AVAILABLE SERVICE AND THEN DIRECTLY TO DULLES. ALL INCOMING SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL SHIPMENTS SHOULD BE CONSIGNED TO SUPARCO, KARACHI. THEY WILL CLEAR AND SHIP TO RAWALPINDI. ALL SHIPPING COSTS TO BE PAID BY NASA.

5. TEAM HAS OUTLINE OF PROCESSED LANDSAT DATA SUPARCO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE AND ITS PROPOSED APPLICATION. FILM AND CCTS ARE SPECIFIED FOR DESIGNATED AREAS OF PAKISTAN.

6. MCKEEHAN REVIEWED WITH SALIM MEHMUD, THE SUBJECTS THAT WOULD BE COVERED IN THE SUPARCO/NASA AGREEMENT SHOULD THE PAKISTAN SITE BE SELECTED. MEHMUD ESTIMATES TWO WEEKS WOULD BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THE AGREEMENT TEXT TO OBTAIN GOP APPROVAL, AT WHICH TIME SHIPMENT AND SITE PREPARATION COULD BEGIN.

7. TEAM BELIEVES SITE IN RAWALPINDI COULD BE READY TWO WEEKS FROM OFFICIAL GOP APPROVAL. WE ARE ASSURED OF COMPLETE AND EFFECTIVE SUPPORT FROM SUPARCO. THEY WELCOME THE PROSPECT OF AN ACTIVE ONGOING COOPERATIVE PROGRAM WITH NASA. THEY WILL COMMIT THEIR ORGANIZATION TO INSURE EFFECTIVE OPERATION.

8. ASSESSMENT OF AN IRAN OPERATION WILL BE WITHHELD UNTIL THE TUESDAY MEETING WITH REZA GHOTBI. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT PROGRESS IN IRAN DEPENDS ON THE INTEREST AND AVAILABILITY OF MR. GHOTBI, A MAN OF CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY WHO MAY NOT ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE WHEN PROBLEMS ARISE REQUIRING OFFICIAL IRANIAN ASSISTANCE. OTHERS IN THE DIVISION OF REMOTE SENSING (DRS) HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO HELP. OUR IMMEDIATE PROBLEM IS TO GET AUTHORITATIVE ACTION ON CUSTOMS AND COMMUNICATIONS. MCKEEHAN HAS LEARNED THAT DRS HAS PROBABLY NOT RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM GE ON SPECIFIC LOCATION OF IRANIAN STATION AND MAY NOT FOR THREE WEEKS. IF DRS CONTINUES TO DECLINE TO DESIGNATE THE AREA THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO US UNTIL THEY RECEIVE THIS INFORMATION FROM GE, A SUBSTANTIAL DELAY WILL
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RESULT. ALSO NOTE THAT TEAM HAS NOT CONDUCTED EMI SURVEY OF

KARAJ SITE ON ASSUMPTION THAT LOCKHEED SURVEY ACCEPTABLE.

9. GALLUP AND WYSCZALEK IN RAWALPINDI. GALLUP WILL TALK WITH PAKISTAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH ON 19 APRIL AND OBTAIN ADDITIONAL LOCAL SUPPORT INFORMATION AND WILL PROCEED TO KARACHI AND TEHRAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WYSCZALEK WILL REMAIN IN RAWALPINDI

UNTILE SITE SELECTION.

10. MCKEEHAN WILL SCHEDULE CALL TO WASHINGTON FOR 11:00 A.M.
EST. WOULD APPRECIATE INFO FROM FAMILY.
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